(b) The gauge conversion of metre gauge line into broad gauge is in progress on some of the sections. There is at present no plan to convert all the metre gauge lines into broad gauge.

(c) The allotment of funds to various projects are being made on the basis of State-wise formula. The gauge conversion of metre gauge lines in Tamil Nadu is in progress as per the availability of resources.

Construction of over-bridges in Bangalore

1910. SHRI K B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken up the construction of over-bridges at Banaswadi and Lingarajapuram in Bangalore in collaboration with Bangalore Mahanagar Palika;

(b) if so, the present status of these works, and

(c) whether Government would take steps to expedite these works to ease movement of traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. Railway is constructing Road Over Bridge (ROB) at both locations which include bridge proper over the tracks and approaches.

(b) and (c) Work of foundation and sub-structure on both the Road Over Bridges has been completed and superstructure work is in progress. All efforts are being made by Railway to expedite the ongoing works Both works *i.e.* Banaswadi ROB and Lingarajapuram ROB are likely to be completed in current financial year.

Proposal for bifurcation of Sambalpur Railway Division

1911 MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR
SHRI B J. PANDA.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Sambalpur Railway Division in Orissa is proposed to be bifurcated and allocated to different Railway Zones;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof,

(c) whether Government are also aware that bifurcation will result

in loss of revenue to the East Coast Railway, which is already cash strapped,

(d) if so, whether Government have reviewed their decision to maintain the status quo, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R VELU) (a) No, Sir

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Model Railway Stations

†1912. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have selected some of the Railway Stations to be upgraded as model stations;

(b) if so, whether such stations have been selected in Chhattisgarh also, and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R VELU) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Three stations namely Bilaspur, Durg and Raipur have been selected as Model Stations in Chhattisgarh

Shutting down of diesel locomotive

1913 SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether according to present instructions, if at any place, there is likely obstruction for more than thirty minutes, the diesel locomotive should be shut down;

(b) if so, whether the CAG has reported a large scale flouting of the said order in its report;

(c) if so, the action taken against the employees responsible for the same, and

† Orginal notice of the Question was received in Hindi.